

REMARKS

Claim 1 is pending in the present application. Paragraph 3 rejects claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by United Kingdom Patent No. 2199776 to *Derbyshire*. Paragraph 5 rejects claim 1 under U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by German Patent No. 2818247 to *Rohm*. Claim 1 is amended herein.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

The rejections over *Rohm* and *Derbyshire* are respectfully traversed. Independent claim 1 is allowable for at least the reason that neither *Rohm* nor *Derbyshire* discloses or suggests the claimed combination. For example, claim 1 calls for a body, threaded jaws received in respective passageways in the body, and a threaded nut rotatably mounted relative to the body so that the nut threads engage the jaw threads. Rotation of the nut relative to the body thereby moves the jaws in the passageways. As well, claim 1 calls for a sleeve member which is axially and rotatably fixed to the threaded nut by serrations formed on the nut.

In contrast, *Rohm* and *Derbyshire* disclose drill chucks having separate forward and rear body portions that rotate with respect to each other. Chuck jaws are rotationally fixed to the front part of the body and are attached to a carrier rotationally fixed to the jaws. A threaded connection exists between the carrier and the rear portion of the body so that when the front body portion is rotated with respect to the rear body portion, the threaded connection drives the carrier and, therefore, the jaws axially with respect to the front body portion. There is no toothed engagement between a nut or other component. Also, since neither discloses a nut, it follows that neither can disclose a sleeve member axially and rotatably fixed to the nut by serrations formed thereon.

Accordingly, neither *Rohm* nor *Derbyshire* discloses or teaches a drill chuck having a body with threaded jaws disposed in jaw passageways and having a nut threadedly engaging the jaw threads and disposed rotationally on the chuck body so that the nut's rotation drives the jaws in their passageways to engage a tool shank. As well, neither reference discloses a sleeve member press-fit onto the nut and fixed thereto by serrations. For this reason, independent claim 1 is allowable over *Rohm* and *Derbyshire*.

Terminal Disclaimer


Paragraph 9 rejects claim 1 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 6,669,207. Paragraph 6 provides that the terminal disclaimer filed on July 19, 2004, has been reviewed but has not been accepted due to non-establishment of the Assignees' ownership interest. However, Applicants note that a statement under 37CFR 3.73(b) was filed with the terminal disclaimer and believe that the statement establishes the Assignees' ownership interest. Copies of the previously filed terminal disclaimer, statement under 37CFR 3.73(b), and stamped Return Postcard are included herein. Applicants believe the terminal disclaimer should be accepted and the rejection should be withdrawn.

Conclusion

It is submitted that claim 1 is in condition for allowance. Favorable action and withdrawal of the present rejections are, therefore, respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at his convenience to resolve any remaining issues. Please charge additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1196.

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